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Submitted herewith is a check totaling \$170.00 to cover the surcharge for late filing of the Declaration and the Assignment recordation fee. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

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